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GREIN SUCCEEDS TURNER IN KANSAS

TOPEKA, Kansas -- On the twenty-fifth anniversary of his predecessor's consecration, the Rt. Rev. Richard Frank Grein was consecrated and installed as eighth bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas.

Grein was elected Feb. 14 to succeed Bishop Edward C. Turner who has served as diocesan since 1959. Presiding Bishop John M. Allin was the chief consecrator at the May 22 service at Grace Cathedral here. He was assisted by Bishop Arthur A. Vogel of West Missouri, Bishop Donald J. Parsons of Quincy, retired Bishop Philip McNairy of Minnesota and Turner.

Bishop John F. Ashby of Western Kansas -- who had been elected the same day Grein was and consecrated a day earlier -- read the bishops' declaration of consent. The Rev. H. B. T. Mudge, OHC, was the preacher.

Grein, 48, has been rector of St. Michael and All Angels Church in Mission, Kansas, since 1974. He is a graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., and Nashotah House in Wisconsin.

Prior to coming to the Diocese of Kansas, Grein served congregations in Elk River, Hassan, Becker, Minneapolis and Minnetonka, Minn. He was professor of pastoral theology at Nashotah House for two years. In the Diocese of Minnesota he served on Bishop and Council, the planning commission, Executive Council, the standing committee, and the departments of Christian Social Relations and Missions. He was deputy to two General Conventions.

He married Joan Dunwody Atkinson in 1961 and they have four children.

Turner was consecrated bishop coadjutor of the diocese in 1956 after a 16-year ministry in Washington and Colorado. He became bishop three years later and has served on the House of Bishops committees on canons and church music.

The diocese has 79 clergy, 54 parishes and 18,118 members.

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